

Dear Participants in the White Park Master Plan,

Last week the public hearing was held and I want to thank so many of you for attending and providing comments. It was a late night and I appreciate your participation. My fellow board members and I listened carefully and are committed to evaluating all the comments carefully before the Board makes a decision later this summer. A summary log of comments received throughout the planning process is available on the project website, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/whiteparkmeeting.htm>. This log will be updated with new comments on a regular basis until the comment period closes on June 8. The public hearing summary is in process and will be added to the website when completed.

There were a couple of clarifications that I would like to make to information that was provided. First, staff presented information that a possible reduction to the Emergency Access Requirements for the driveway (18' driveway and 6% slope) might be granted by the Fire and Rescue Department who will be responsible for reviewing a site plan at the time the park is developed. This information was gained in response to inquiries made by Board members during their site visit to the park in April. While the Fire and Rescue Department committed to working with us to protect the park's resources, there is no guarantee that this reduction in requirements will be granted and we will not know this until we file an engineered site plan that will not occur until the Park Authority has possession of the property and funding to develop it. All site plans are also reviewed by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the Department of Transportation for conformance with the *Public Facilities Manual* that outlines standards for all public facilities including parks and infrastructure.

The second clarification is that the draft Master Plan does not include proposed uses for large scale events and weddings. This type of use is not envisioned for the park nor included in the draft Master Plan.

Thank you again for participating in planning this wonderful garden park.

Frank Vajda  
Mason District Representative  
Park Authority Board